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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Kazutoshi ONOZAWA, et al. : Customer No. 20277
Serial No.: 10/629,670 : Confirmation No.: 6503
Filed: July 30, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 2828
For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE AND METHOD FOR : Examiner: JAMES A. MENEFEE
FABRICATING THE SAME :

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 11, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 11, 2005, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

- Group I - Claims 1-14, drawn to a semiconductor laser; and
- Group II - Claims 15-17, drawn to methods of fabricating a laser.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group I, claims 1-14 for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 15-17, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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